

**CITY OF SAVANNAH
ANTI-POVERTY TASK FORCE**

Meeting Agenda

Tuesday, July 22, 10:00 – 11:30 a.m.
St. Pius X Family Resource Center

- I. **Welcome and Introductions** - Anne Roise (5 min)
- II. **Housekeeping** (5 min)
 - a. Updated Task Force Contact List / Sign-in Sheet
 - b. Local “best practices” presentations
 - c. Task Force Listserv - John Paul Berlon
- III. **Review of last meeting** (5 min)
 - a. Status on *Study on Persistent Poverty* Response – Anne Roise
 - b. Status on *Living Wage Discussion* – Julie Lamy
- IV. **Host Spotlight: St. Pius X Family Resource Center** – Ernest Dailey (20 min)
 - a. Center’s Services
 - b. Case Management and the Family Development Matrix
- V. **Follow up from last meeting**
 - a. Reports from Sub-Committees
 - 1) Resource Collaboration – Janice Blunt (15 min)
 - 1. Group Discussion
 - 2. Next Sub-Committee Meeting
 - 2) Case Management Systems – Sr. Pat Baber (25 min)
 - 1. Group Discussion
 - 2. Next Sub-Committee Meeting
- VI. **Next Steps & Assignments** (10 min)
- VII. **Upcoming Task Force Meetings & Venues**

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Summary of Meeting

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I. Welcome & Introductions

Attending: Sr. Pat Baber, Lillian Grant-Baptiste, John Paul Berlon, Dr. Victoria Bertolozzi, Janice Blunt, Tina Bonifacio, Susan Bragg, Alan Bray, Edward Chisolm, Ernest Dailey, Alex Ikefuna, Natalie Moultrie, Charlotte Rehmer, Letty Shearer, Jim Stevenson, Gena Taylor, Joshua O'Briant (for Keith Vermillion), Craig Wallace, Ruthann Walsh, Tom Wilson, Brian White.

Guests: Barry Jackson, Stephen George, Curley Green, Pamela C. Jones, Carole A. Fireall.

II. Housekeeping

- a. The Taskforce contact list was circulated by Julie Lamy for corrections and additions. Requests for updated lists should be directed to Julie_Lamy@ci.savannah.ga.us.
- b. Due to time constraints, meeting hosts will present their local "best practices." It was suggested that the Task Force develop a printed collection of the "best practice" presentations and post them on the listserv. The Project SAV description included in the last meeting summary will be included within this. Edward Chisolm will provide additional information for the Project SAV description.
- c. John Paul Berlon updated the Task Force on the development of a listserv through Yahoo! Groups. The contact list was added to the listserv; any problems/issues should be reported to J.P. Berlon at johnpaul@savannahfairhousing.org.

The listserv should only be used for items that are of interest to the entire Task Force or a large portion of the Task Force. It will also be used to post Task Force and sub-committee information. Please continue to use individual e-mail addresses provided on the Task Force contact list for individual communication.

III. Review of Last Meeting

- a. An update on the *Study on Persistent Poverty* response was given by Dr. Victoria Bertolozzi. City Manager, Michael Brown, received the response draft developed by the Task Force's first work group. He suggested Anne Roise and himself contact the University of Georgia directly before sending the letter because Governor Perdue and Senator Miller are focusing on rural poverty.

- b. Julie Lamy presented the *Living Wage Discussion* progress update. The Wage Standards document and the update on Atlanta's Living Wage were presented at the Council Retreat. The Council requested additional background information on the topic with specifics on implementation procedures.

Tom Wilson proposed a new sub-committee to address the Living Wage. See *Next Steps & Assignments* below for details on this new Sub-Committee.

Tina Bonifacio emphasized the importance of including private sector representatives on this sub-committee.

Edward Chisolm emphasized the importance of the Task Force addressing the topic of *the wealth gap* in its initiatives. It was suggested that the Case Management Systems and Living Wage Sub-Committees address the topic within their scope of work.

IV. Host Spotlight: St. Pius X Family Resource Center – Ernest Dailey

- a. Center Director Ernest Dailey described the services provided at the Family Resource Center. The Center's Services are a "one-stop shop" and include:
- after school care
 - health services
 - job training
 - skills coaching and follow up
 - youth development activities
 - a clothes closet
 - WIC (women, infants and children)
 - Head Start
 - youth entrepreneurial program
 - summer camp
 - case management
- b. Case management and the Family Development Matrix
1. Barry Jackson, a case manager at the FRC presented the *Family Development Matrix* to the Taskforce. The Matrix is the foundation for information collection and outcome evaluation of families that seek help through the Center's case management. The Matrix identifies outcome categories for families and then places the family within a status level based on the resources the family has in relation to each category.
- The status levels are:
- Thriving
 - Safe/Self-Sufficient
 - Stable
 - At-Risk
 - In-Crisis

The outcome categories are:

- Shelter/Housing
- Food/Clothing
- Transportation
- Health/Safety
- Social/Emotional Health
- Finances
- Family Relations
- Community Relations/Support System
- Adult Education/Development
- Children's Education/Development
- Adult Employment

For more information about the St. Pius X Family Resource Center, contact Center Director and Task Force member, Ernest Dailey at edailey@youthfutures.com.

V. Follow up from last meeting

a. Reports from Sub-Committees

1. Resource Collaboration

Members: Janice Blunt, John Paul Berlon, Valerie Brown, Yvonne Davis, Gena Taylor, Jamal Toure.

a) United Way 211 system is the community's most comprehensive conduit for internal and external information. However, the system is only as good as the information it receives from the community's agencies and organizations. The sub-committee will look at long and short-term strategies to strengthen the system. Suggestions include increasing accessibility for special populations such as the deaf, blind and non-English speakers; increasing marketing and visibility of the 211 system; emphasizing the importance information sharing from agencies and organizations; and making the 211 database available on-line as an inter-agency resource. It was decided that a printed inter-agency directory was unrealistic and that efforts should be focused on making the 211 database available on-line instead.

b) The Resource Collaboration Sub-Committee will meet every two weeks. The Sub-Committee's next meeting is **Friday, August 15, 9:30 a.m.** at United Way which is located on the northeast corner of Monterey Square in downtown. For additional information on this sub-committee, contact Task Force member Janice Blunt at janiceb@uwce.org.

2. Case Management Systems Sub-Committee

Members: Sr. Pat Baber, Susan Bragg, LaVanda Brown, Edward Chisolm, Ernest Dailey, Pastor Jackie Grant, Hope Jones, Natalie Moultrie, Anne Roise, Julie Lamy.

- a) A work plan proposal for the Case Management Systems Sub-Committee was disseminated. The Sub-Committee would like to move forward on the following initiatives:
 - Development of a common information collection template. The *Family Development Matrix* will serve as the foundation for this.
 - Collection of information on ten self-sufficient and ten stagnant families to identify personal and systemic strengths and weaknesses.
 - Development of a *continuum of care* for families living in poverty based on feedback of strengths and weaknesses.
 - Monitoring and advisement of the leadership development and training of faith-based organizations by the City's Leadership Institute. For more information on the City's Leadership Institute, contact Task Force member Lillian Grant-Baptiste at Lillian_Baptiste@ci.savannah.ga.us.
- b) The Case Management Sub-Committee will meet between Task Force meetings. The next meeting will be on **July 30, 2003 at 10:00 am** at the City's Economic Development Department, 2 E. Bay Street, Gamble Building, Bay Street Level. For more information on this sub-committee, contact Julie Lamy at Julie_Lamy@ci.savannah.ga.us.

VI. Next Steps & Assignments

- a. Formulation of the Living Wage Sub-Committee. The Sub-Committee will compile additional background information, address living wage issues, develop a model ordinance and recommendations to present to the Task Force and ultimately to City Council. T. Wilson will direct the committee composed of Alan Bray, Charlotte Rehmert, Natalie Moultrie, Gena Taylor and Jim Stevenson. The Sub-Committee will hold its first meeting on **Thursday, July 31 at 2pm** in the MPC's West Conference Room. For more information on the Living Wage Sub-Committee, contact Task Force member Alan Bray at abray@thempc.org.
- b. Continuing work and development of initiative timelines for the Resource Collaboration and Case Management Systems Sub-Committees.
- c. Collection of all Task Force names and e-mail addresses, and completion of registration of all Task Force members on the Task Force listserv.
- d. Confirmation of the change of name from the *City of Savannah Anti-Poverty Task Force* to *Savannah's Anti-Poverty Task Force*.

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